REMARKS:

- 1) US claims 1, 2 and 12 are a direct English Translation of the amended PCT claims 1, 2 and 12 submitted on September 9, 2004 (as included in the Annexes of the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report). The new US claims 14 to 23 are based on a direct English Translation of the amended PCT claims 3 to 11 and 13, except for omitting the multiple dependencies.
- 2) In conformance with the amendment of claim 1 in the PCT International Phase on September 9, 2004, a sentence has correspondingly been deleted from the specification, as being outside of the revised claim scope.
- 3) Any formal defects that might exist in the literally translated PCT Application text will be addressed later during the prosecution.
- 4) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1, 2, 12 and 14 to 23, are respectfully requested

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